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1. The command of Coast Defense III Zone is situated in the former police station of Veljine. The building has been enlarged and remodelled and is presently a five-story structure measuring from 60 to 70 meters in length. Two towers equipped with radio antennas have been erected on the roof. The radio station is located on the top floor of the building. Behind this headquarters building garages and a fuel storehouse have been constructed. The command is officially designated on document seals and in military cables as "III ZONA O.O."
2. Since 1948 the commanders of Coast Defense III Zone have been changed frequently. In 1948 Captain Rank III (Commander) Nikola Srzic, who was later transferred to the Tivat Naval Arsenal as commanding officer, was the commander. Srzic was replaced by Captain Rank II (no U.S. equivalent) Nikola Zvicer. In October 1950, the commander was Captain Rank II Vlado Prosic. Other officers assigned to the command are named as follows:
 - a. Spiro Spadijer - Captain Rank II, a Montenegrin, is the chief of staff.
 - b. A certain Velimirovic - Captain, was until recently the chief of personnel. He has since been arrested as an alleged Cominformist.
 - c. A certain Djuric - Captain, was KOS officer as of October 1950. He had replaced a certain Captain Soca who was subsequently transferred to Split.
 - d. Ante Divljak - Captain, is chief of intendance.
3. The Liaison Battalion of the Command of Coast Defense III Zone is located in Veljine, in the barracks formerly occupied by the Artillery school. The strength of the battalion is estimated at 400 men, who wear marine uniforms. The battalion is provided with a radio station equipped for the most part with Russian type apparatus. They also have mobile telephone units and several motor vehicles.
4. The Technical Workshop of Coast Defense III Zone is located in a small building in Kurbor, close to the barracks of the 3rd Marine Regiment. The director

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of the workshop is Ensign Vlado Labudovic, a former petty officer. There are approximately 30 military workers employed at the workshop performing all types of rotor repair and reconditioning.

5. The Intendence Magazine of Coast Defense III Zone is located in Zelenika. The installation is housed in several old warehouses which were completely remodelled during 1947 and 1948.
6. The Fuel Magazine of Coast Defense III Zone is located in the town of Lipci. The installation is equipped with the following:
 - a. 5 large underground tanks each having a capacity for 120 tank cars of naphtha and gasoline.
 - b. 4 tanks each having a capacity of 60 tank cars of fuel. These tanks are reported to be filled with naphtha and used for the refueling of ships.
 - c. 12 tanks are reported to be placed in a series of tunnels located in the side of a nearby mountain. Each of these tanks has a capacity for 5 tons of motor lubricants.
7. The Yugoslav Army Rest Home is located in one of the largest hotels in Hercegnovi. The guests include officers of all branches of the armed forces and [] there is a general officer as well as a number of field grade officers in the home at the present time. 50X1-HUM
8. The Naval Hospital is located near the town of Metkovic in an old but remodelled building. Until 1948 it was the main naval hospital; however, the hospital at Split is presently designated as the main hospital.
9. The Officers' Club is located in Kumbor in a building which housed the Officers' Rest Home before World War II.
10. The 3rd Marine Regiment is stationed in Kumbor. The troops are quartered in barracks formerly occupied by a petty officers' machine school. This installation was severely damaged during the war but it was later remodelled and enlarged.
11. During October 1950 nine former German landing craft, which had been salvaged in 1946 and repaired in 1947, were seen in the vicinity of Kumbor. Late in 1948 these vessels were marked with a "D", a marking which they continue to display.
12. The Torpedo School is located at Kumbor, in an old building situated along the shore. Adjacent to the building there is a pier which extends perpendicularly from the shore in an easterly direction. Red buoys, placed along the gulf in the direction of Tivat, serve to mark distance on the torpedo range. The pier is equipped with tubes from which to launch torpedoes for training purposes. It is reported that a considerable number of officers and petty officers attend the school.
13. The Underwater Arms School is located close to the Torpedo School, in a smaller building. [] the course at this school extends over a period of six months. The school is attended by officers, petty officers and soldiers. A training ship is used for mine-laying exercises. 50X1-HUM
14. An unidentified light artillery unit numbering 300 troops is stationed in Bausici. The troops are quartered in two barracks which have been repaired recently. The guns are described as being of small caliber and mounted on carriages equipped with rubber tires. A component part of the artillery unit is a motor platoon equipped with 12 vehicles and commanded by Senior Platoon Chief Vinko Sidnik.
15. A naval clothing and footwear shop, employing approximately 150 women, is located at Perast.

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16. A naval gun repair shop, employing from 350 to 400 militarized workers, is located at Lepetani.
17. A series of munitions magazines, storing ammunition for the entire Boka garrison, are located at Opatovo, between Lepetani and Tivat. The magazines are enclosed by high stone walls and many of them are built partially underground.
18. A coaling station is located at Pristan, which is situated on the Bay of Tivat across from Djenovic. During the latter half of 1948 a small pier which is located there was repaired in order to unload coal. Approximately 1.5 kilometers east of Pristan four wooden barracks on concrete foundations have been constructed. It is reported that mines which the Russians brought there late in 1947 and early in 1948 have been stored in these barracks. The installation is enclosed by a barbed wire fence and is under constant military guard. Access to this area is forbidden to civilians.
19. Punta Ostra, the extreme western cape at the entrance to Boka Kotorska, is the site of a large observation station. The station, which is maintained by a crew of 15 sailors under the command of a senior platoon chief, is equipped with a radio station, a heliograph, a reflector and various other signal devices.
20. On Cape Kobilica in Boka Kotorska, a fort is located on a cliff dominating the southeastern side. Construction on fortifications has been in progress on the fort itself as well as on the cliff for the past year. new fortifications are being built.
21. An observation station is located on Vrh Obosnik which overlooks the eastern side of Boka Kotorska. The station is equipped with a radio transmitter, a reflector and a heliograph. There is a permanent crew stationed there comprising 15 sailors under the command of a senior platoon chief.

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